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Nomination Period Begins for BLM's New Mexico Resource Advisory Council

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the New Mexico Governor's Office are calling for nominations for the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) to fill terms expiring this year. The RAC provides advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands. Public nominations are due on April 21, 2003.

The 15-member New Mexico RAC is filling positions for 5 expiring terms. Appointed RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The two vacant categories include Categories 2 and 3.

Category 2: Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation, and wild horse and burro groups;

Category 3: Holders of State, county, or local elected office; employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources; members of an Indian Tribe; academicians involved in natural sciences; and the public at large.

BLM State Director Linda S.C. Rundell and the Governor's Office will review nominations. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton for approval. To nominate someone or yourself, complete and submit a Background Information Nomination Form. Letters of reference from interest groups or organizations represented must accompany all nominations. All nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decisionmaking. Nomination forms will be available at BLM offices in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Farmington, Taos, Socorro, Las Cruces, Roswell, and Carlsbad.

For more information or to obtain a nomination form by mail, call Theresa Herrera at the BLM in Santa Fe: (505) 438-7517 or 7514. You may e-mail requests to: therrera@nm.blm.gov. Nominations must be postmarked on or before April 21, 2003 and sent to:

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